Demand for hike of salary & allowances by Super-Bazar Employees Association

262. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar Employees' Association Union has submitted memorandum for increasing their H.R.A., C.C.A. and TA/DA ;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of negotiations between Super-Bazar management and staff Union Association ; and

(c) by when these demands are likely to be implemented by the Super Bazar Management ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the decision taken by the Managing Committee, all Employees' Unions of Super Bazar have agreed on the proposal for increase in the house rent allowance without insisting on other demands for the time being. Managing Committee of Super Bazar has approved increased rates of HRA and the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Supply of essential commodities at reasonable rates

263. SHRI SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the prices of cereals, pulses, sugar and edible oil for the last three years including the current year 1993-94 ;

(b) what is the availability position of the above articles in different parts of the country ; and

(c) whether Government would accept the responsibility for supplying essential commodities all over the country at prices within the reach of the comman man and at subsidised rates to those below the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A statement showing the average retail prices of rice, wheat, gram, arhar, sugar, vanaspati, groundnut oil and mustard oil during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto Nov. 93) is enclosed (See below).

(b) The availability position of cereals, pulses, sugar and edible oils in the country is by and large, satisfactory.

(c) The Central Government is responsible for procurement, transportation and storage of commodities such as rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene and soft coke. These commodities are allocated in bulk to the States at Central Issue Prices (CIP) which are reasonable and generally below the market prices. Under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS), about 1752 blocks have been identified and foodgrains issued to them